

WETHERSFIELD CITIZENS ENERGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – Thursday May 21, 2009

Vice Chairman Kiely called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Physical Services Headquarters cafeteria.

Members present were: Nancy Kiely
 Mary Dobruck
 Keith Saunders
 John Morris

Members absent: Carol Jones
 Tom Kennedy
 Rick Baldoni

Also present were: Matthew Forrest, Town Council Liaison
 Mike Turner, Director of Public Works

1. **Approval of minutes of May 7, 2009 meeting.** Motion by Keith Saunders, seconded by Mary Dobruck to approve the minutes. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

2. Subcommittee Reports

Streetlights- Keith had previously distributed a draft plan to remove streetlights, outlining 3 scenarios. Councilor Forrest requested a 4th scenario which factored in a streetlight buyout be considered. It was suggested the subcommittee review a publication by Bob Crelin regarding desired light levels, and to have staff check with CLP regarding their standards for installation.

The subcommittee recommended a 5 step process for reducing and eliminating streetlights.

1. lower wattage in decorate style streetlights (exclude Main St and Town hall)
2. Using GIS, develop a plan to eliminate overlapping (redundant) streetlights (consider 400 foot, 300 ft, 200 ft etc. to achieve desired reduction). Then have Police and Engineering confirm the recommendations.
3. Re-lamp remaining lights with lower wattage bulbs
4. Consider purchasing remaining lights
5. Replacement schedule of streetlights with self sustaining (e.g. LED's)

Motion by Mary Dobruck, seconded by John Morris to recommend this policy to Town Council Infrastructure Committee. All voted in favor.

Energy Plan- John Morris had no report here- it will be discussed as next agenda item.

Education- Mary Dobruck reported Matt Thomas (WHS Sophomore) will be editing the info film to include the panel discussion, solar power/green cleaning, and toxic/energy saving \$)

Global Warming Café- Nancy reported that Christopher Sheppard will be making the arrangements.

3. **Energy Plan-** Councilor Forrest reported the sub committee had met and divided the plan into 4 sections for markup. Plan was modeled after West Hartford. Suggestions were made to review and incorporate Seattle's plan as it was very complete. (available on line- Seattle Green Building Capitol Initiative 4/22/09) There was discussion about adding a section on Green Development. It was expected all thoughts will be together in one document and ready for first draft review at next committee meeting.
4. **Public Comment-** none
5. **New Business-** Councilor Forrest reported that Town Councils adopted budget included \$36,000 for this committee's continued work, and another \$4000 for the Clean Energy Committee. Councilor solicited input about combining the 2 committees. There was concern about the merger, including staffing and added committee people to achieve their tasks.
6. **Adjournment-** Motion by Mary Dobruck, seconded by Keith Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. All voted in favor.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Wethersfield Citizens Energy Committee.

_____, Clerk